

## Data Error Notice: 2018 BDS Data on data.census.gov and Census API

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The 2018 BDS statistics originally released February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov) and on the [Census API](#) contained a data error. All data values were inadvertently limited to 8-digits, resulting in the truncation of any 9-digit values for the variable **Number of employees** for the years 1996-2018 and the variable **(DHS) denominator**<sup>1</sup> for the years 1997-2018. This error affected data at the U.S. (Economy-wide) level only, and did not affect data at lower levels of aggregation, such as any data with industry or geographic detail, or data with firm or establishment age or size detail. This error has been corrected and the revised data has been released on both data.census.gov and on the Census API.

Users should note that the error was restricted to the data on data.census.gov and the Census API. The [BDS CSV datasets](#) on the census.gov website did not contain the truncation error.

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<sup>1</sup> The DHS Davis-Haltiwanger-Schuh (DHS) denominator is defined for year t as the average of employment for year t and t-1. For more information about how this measure is used, see: [the BDS Methodology page](#).